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With F.M.L.

Workmen are pulling down just about the last of the former school tax office walls, leaving only the present department store building and adjacent empty store on the center block.

Construction is underway on the foundation which will be completed about July 1 for the new department store and the last of the mail area will be cleared.

On inside pages, there is a four-page tabloid section on the urban renewal development and a sketch of the mall as outlined by planners. It will be a focal point of the whole downtown community if it looks anything like the sketch.

NOW-NOW-NOW

The German Folk Dancers are headed for San Antonio for a September appearance in a Texas Folk Life Festival, whatever, bringing together such ethnic groups from around the state.

They were working on a relatively small stage Thursday night at Methodist Fellowship Hall. But the presentation shows the expertise the group has developed since the appearances at New Braunfels, where they are invited to return, around Central Texas and on several television appearances, beside Folk Fete.

It is said few of these groups are dancing in this part of the country. In fact, the authentic music is hard to find. Charles Kunz, the group director, has taped some of the music from records which, as we recall, go back to the "old country."

Indeed, the costumery of both dance groups, the solo artists and the hall was bright.

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A. W. McCULLIN

Urban Renewal Exec Puts Cameron First

By Lloyd Albertson

There is an old saying among businessmen that goes something like this:

"If you want something done, find a busy man and turn the job over to him."

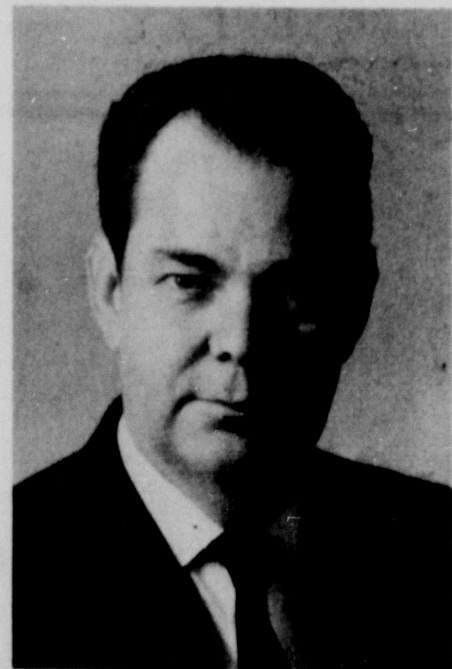
Maybe the members of Cameron's Urban Renewal Committee had the old maxim in mind when they appointed A. W. McCullin as Executive Director on March 20, 1971, to be in charge of the rehabilitation program. Maybe not. In any case they did pick a busy man. Maybe the busiest in Milam County.

For instance, on that day a year ago, McCullin was engaged in running these business enterprises:

Mack's Oil Company and service station located at the underpass on Highway 36 here in Cameron. Also dealerships in Rockdale and Rosebud.

Mack's Production Company, an oilwell drilling company operating in Milam and Burleson Counties. M&M Oil Co., and a crude oil purchasing company, making purchases of crude in Milam, Falls and Travis Counties.

Mack's Liquid Fertilizer Mixing Plant -- and a retail marketing operation, including delivery and application of liquid fertilizer on their land for farmers and ranchers.



REV. HOMERSTAD

Rev. Homerstad New Pastor Of Lutheran Church

Rev. John M. Homerstad, new pastor of the Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, was installed at morning services Sunday. He and his family moved into Cameron from Llano last week.

A native of Clifton, Rev. Homerstad is a graduate of Luther College in Iowa and of Luther Seminary at St. Paul, Minn. He served in the mission field in Japan for 17 years.

The Homerstads have four children. Mrs. Sharon Howard of Morgans Point, Deborah, who is a freshman at Rice, Trudy, graduating from nurses training in May, and John, 12, who will be attending Cameron schools. They also have one grandson, Walt.

An automatic car wash, located on the Temple Highway here in Cameron. Also two other car wash facilities in Baytown and Seabrook, Texas.

All of these various business enterprises undoubtedly left McCullin with little, if any, leisure time. But it wasn't quite as crowded a schedule as he'd had a year or two before. During 1968, 1969 and 1970 he also was engaged in the construction of metal prefabricated buildings located in Lubbock, Tyler, San Antonio, Luling, Cameron, Baytown, Seabrook, Trinity and Belton. He had built the metal prefabricated structure housing his automatic car wash next to Safeway here, and Webben Industries of Dallas liked his work and asked him to take on the construction of similar buildings for them in other cities across the state.

During that time he also was serving as chairman of the Urban Renewal Board, which was making the final plans for the remodeling project for Cameron's downtown business section.

When his appointment as Executive Director came, McCullin resigned his post as chairman. And he also announced that he was turning over the operation of his various business interests to his two sons

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Carrier Provides Vietnam Jet Base

By Michael Fathers
Reuters Correspondent

There are about 50 war planes on this American aircraft-carrier Constellation and when it is in the Gulf of Tonkin they drop thousands of tons of bombs along the Ho Chi Minh trail in eastern Laos each day.

But, unless they are shot down, the pilots who fly the jets never land in Indochina.

When they return to their floating base, they have a variety of distractions to keep their minds off the war. These include every facility from closed-circuit color television to canned music, a pop radio station and a nightly cinema.

There is also a machine which automatically shapes 1,000 hamburgers a day.

When a pilot's main interest is getting back in time for the evening film, the Vietnam war with all its horrors tends to become unreal. One of the first questions a visitor to the 84,000-ton ship is asked is: what are the Vietnamese really like?

With computers on the ship to select their targets, all the two-man crews of fighters and bombers have to do is make sure they stay up in the air.

But this is now becoming more hazardous. Within the past year, communist air defense both on North Vietnam's borders and along the trail have increased dramatically and are now at their most deadly, according to veterans who took part in the first strikes against the north in 1964.

Nevertheless fighter pilots, who fly around North Vietnam maintaining U.S. air superiority and trying to lure

communist MIGS into dog-fights, claim they are only "playing games".

U.S. bomber pilots who face most of the flak are usually not so hearty.

"We have a job to do and we may as well get it done. I don't like the war but I joined up because I wanted to fly and that's what we are doing," one bomber pilot said.

Constellation is one of four carriers which the United States rotates for an average 30-day period off the North Vietnamese coast. The combat period is broken by about two weeks spent usually at the U.S. Navy's Subic Bay base in the Philippines or at Hong Kong.

The 500 million dollar ship is a superb example of fighting a war with mathematical precision from a technological hot-house.

The launching and recovery is a spectacular show with up to 20 bombers and fighter planes landing and taking off at 40 second intervals seven times a day within a space of about 500 feet.

Every landing and take-off is filmed on closed-circuit television monitored throughout the ship and available to the pilots for re-running later.

Radar planes circle the Constellation, widening the scanning area in case of low-flying enemy attack, and two Phantom jets armed with Sidewinder and Shrike missiles are always ready for a quick getaway.

Computers evaluate enemy threats to the carrier or recommend counter-moves, and also store intelligence collected from photographs and pilot briefings for use in future raids.

Area Roundup

Quarter Horse Show Set

Saturday, April 15 is the date set for the American Quarter Horse Approved Show at Fair Park in Rockdale, sponsored by the Rockdale Roping and Cutting Club. The halter class will open the show at 9 a.m. The performance class will be held in the afternoon. A custom made hand tooled saddles by saddle-maker Jim Cooke of Bryan will be awarded owner of the high point horse. There will be no admission fee to the show.

Campaign Goal Near

Southwestern University has received \$96,500 in its Georgetown Challenge Campaign, with a goal of \$100,000. A victory celebration for workers and contributors, possibly an outdoor affair, is being planned by the university.

Purebred Research Ends

Historical importance was placed on the 1972 Beef Cattle Field Day at Texas A&M Research Center here April 7 in that it marked the transition from research with purebred to cross bred dams. The station sold its Charolais herd at auction, which ended 22 years of research primarily with purebred dams. Purebred sires have always been used at the center and will continue to be used.

Bond Election Set

The Hearne School Board bond election in the amount of \$598,000 to completely upgrade the school plant facilities will be held in the High School auditorium on Tuesday, April 11. The bond election, if it meets with the approval of the voters, will be used for renovation, repairs and new construction to insure the growth of the school plant for the next 15 to 20 years, except for minor repairs.

Belton To Sell School Bonds

The Belton School Board set the regular meeting of May 8 as the date to open bids for the sale of \$200,000 in school bonds. The funds will be used on various phases of school construction under study for the next few years.

R-L Voters Cast Ballots

Voters in Rosebud and Lott cast ballots last Saturday for their choices of candidates in school and city elections. Lott voters turned out strong, but only 86 ballots were cast in Rosebud's unopposed city election. Voters in Lott had a choice of seven candidates for the three council seats in the election.

Rev. Lafferty Wins Civic Award

Amid an evening of waltz-and-polka song and dance, an overflow crowd of more than 300 Thursday night saw Rev. James Lafferty, of Cameron, named the McCullin Award winner at Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Fredwill Hornung, 1970 award winner, read off a list of activities scored by the pastor of First Baptist Church, of Cameron, which ranged from Lions Club civic work to helping construct a Mexican Baptist Church here.

Outgoing president Robert Ellett introduced incoming president Don G. Humble, who presented the past president with a plaque for Chamber service. Each speaker spoke but a few minutes on Chamber activities during the past year or future plans.

Main point of the evening following a Czech-German food dinner was dances by Children of the Cameron Folk Fete Czech dancers, directed by Mrs. Frank Mikulec. They presented several numbers in full costume, 12 youngsters from 7 to 12, part of the approximate 40-member Czech Beseda dance group.

Soloist Mrs. Maurina Corley sang the "Lichtenstein Polka", accompanied by Mrs. Hilliard Thomas, followed by Miss Gloria Ribbeck, of Tem-

ple, who played a number of polkas and folk numbers on the accordion. She also played dinner music at the electric organ.

Final entertainment note was the Folk Fete German dancers who presented four German ethnic dances, part of a program being developed for the first Texas Folk Life gathering in September in San Antonio. Group director is Charles Kunz.

Introduced by MC Gene Smither-

man, Hornung stepped to the mike to begin his introduction of the 1971 McCullin Cup winner.

Final note of the evening was the capella singing of "America, the Beautiful" by the crowd of Central Texas civic and profession leaders and guests.

About 30 current or outgoing directors stood for recognition without individual introduction earlier in the evening.



CIVIC AWARDEE - Rev. James Lafferty, right, accepts the McCullin Civic Award for 1971 from Bill Hornung, 1970 awardee, at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday night.



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School Expansion Planned...

We congratulate the CISD school board for going on with planning of new construction and expansion even though school bond funding is in flux.

The Board's committee is meeting with architects and engineers about the alternatives of gym and field house, expanded Yoe High School, cafeteria - auditorium, additional classroom space, etal.

The Board bought about three more acres adjacent to the football field for future expansion. And bonded indebtedness of CISD has been reduced to a negotiable amount, considering the size of the district.

The public is ready for new construction, new improvements in the CISD system. It is quite likely other school districts are watching to see how much we do. It may affect their planning and their view of consolidation.

This area is not only modernizing, it is beginning to flex its "growing" muscles. Once housing really rolls in the Cameron, area, we'll see greater need for greater classrooms, as well as those to replace space of marginal reliability as classrooms.

All told, the CISD board is gearing to go ahead with a building program that will really give the North Milam area a system worthy of the AAA designation it now bears in athletics and other interscholastic league competition.

Why not encourage your board members to keep up the work? School bonding will be worked out, and possibly sooner than we think.

'Wishy-Washy' Too...

"Charlie Brown", the soft touch hero of "Peanuts", who incidentally got two write-in votes for Cameron mayor the other day, recently had an interesting observation.

"Charlie" is always accused by "Lucy" of being wishy-washy about taking stands or giving opinions. A stage play bearing his name contains a song which says "You're a good man, Charlie Brown" . . . punctuated by the comment: "If only you weren't so wishy-washy."

But the other day, "Charlie Brown" and "Lucy" were exchanging characteristic comments. The sum of that conversation was "Charlie Brown's" saying "The truth is wishy-washy too."

If you look at things from potential viewpoints, the truth tends to move around, to be unstable.

A person who is basically agreeable may not be wishy-washy, only trying to find the truth, like good ol' "Charlie Brown."

Food Prices Not Farmers' Fault, Says FB Leader

WACO

Farmers and ranchers are concerned about statements in the national news media that food prices are too high, according to Texas Farm Bureau President J. T. Woodson.

"We in agriculture are afraid that these inflammatory statements might result in popular demand for price controls on raw farm products," the farm leader said. "If this happens, and we are saddled with controls, the consumer will really have something to worry about."

"Prices for agricultural products are not likely to get out of hand," Woodson said. "We will respond to any price increase by producing more. The consumer is protected by the competitive enterprise system in agriculture."

"If, on the other hand, price ceilings are imposed on us," Woodson said, "producers will be forced out of agriculture and the consumer will pay higher prices for his food. The only way we have survived higher production and living costs up to now is through increases in efficiency."

"Only just now are certain segments of our agricultural industry -- live-

stock, for example -- beginning to receive decent prices," the farm leader said. "Egg producers are actually selling eggs at or below cost of production. Imagine what it would do to the poultry industry to put a freeze on their current prices."

The farm leader said that farmers and ranchers appreciate some of the statements made in defense of agriculture in recent days. He referred to statements made by President Nixon, Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, and Treasury Secretary John Connally.

"These men are in a position to know the true situation in agriculture," Woodson said. "We thank them for telling it like it is."

President Nixon said in a recent press conference that it is a mistake to blame farmers for the food price increase because they receive only one-third of what consumers pay for food.

"The other two-thirds goes to the middlemen," Nixon said, adding that the spread has widened and is too great.

"The public is being fed a lot of malarky about meat prices," Secretary Butz said in defense of farmers and cattlemen. He added that a food price investigation -- now planned by the Price Commission -- was long overdue. He said farmers were being blamed unjustly for rising retail food costs, especially for meat, to cover up sharp increases in what he called "hard costs" of processing and distribution.

BPCA Joins Specialists In Meeting

Officers and directors of Bryan Production Credit Association join agricultural credit specialists from all over the state April 6-8 in El Paso for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston annual meeting.

Bryan PCA participants include board members, Wm. M. Forrest, Jr., Midway, chairman; Garwood Gerdes, Giddings, vice chairman; Ted Ford, Rosebud; Kelly Simons, Calvert; and Joe Varisco, Bryan. Simons will serve as the group's official delegate.

PCA officer participants are Horace P. Dansby, Jr., president; Dowell Hailey, vice president and secretary; and Milton O. Lightsey, Jr., vice president, all of Bryan.

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Albert and Grover, who already were associated with him in their management.

"I want to devote my full time to this job," he was quoted as explaining.

At that time -- March, 1971 -- it did look like a pretty formidable assignment. Cameron's downtown business section had been allowed to deteriorate over the years to such an extent that many of the buildings were not repairable. And -- let's face it -- there was an air of apathy among some of the businessmen. There was a good deal of skepticism that anything could be done to remedy the situation, even if a sizeable chunk of government money was poured into the Urban Renewal project.

McCullin -- Mack to his friends -- didn't share that view. During his years in business he has acquired a reputation as a "can do" man; apparently he saw no reason why Cameron's downtown blight couldn't be overcome, and he went to work to do it.

McCullin was born in Poland, Louisiana. His father, W. M. McCullin, was a farmer and building contractor. He attended grade school there and later in San Antonio, graduating from that city's Brackenridge High School.

His first job was a chemist for Cen-Tex Refining Company at Minerva, then later in Luling, where he helped build a refinery. Cen-Tex was started in the mid - 1920's by an Oklahoma oilman named Owens to use the crude from the Minerva shallow field. It later ran into financial trouble in the 1930's, like many another company during the depression.

While in Luling, McCullin married Miss Vivian Lucille Lucas of Minerva in April, 1930. This was when the depression was starting and it got worse later.

"There I was with a wife and a baby," he commented recently about those days, "and things were

really getting rough."

While he was still with Cen-Tex, he started his Mack's Oil Company in 1931, a wholesale oil business that specialized in diesel and heavy oils. During World War II his company supplied burner oil for Camp Hood and McKloskey Hospital, Temple.

He erected his Mack's Service Station building near the underpass in 1938 and handles Phillips 66 gasoline and oils. He moved to Cameron the following year, 1939.

McCullin was mayor of Cameron in 1946 - 47, being drafted for the job. That and being active on the school board while living in Minerva was his only time in political office.

He refused to accept a second term as mayor. "I just couldn't afford to take the time from my business," he says.

He is a past president of the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the board of directors of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

An honor that he especially prizes came to him in 1968 when he was made a Fellow of the Presidents' Council of the American Institute Of Management. He received it, he believes, because of his research in oil sands in the county. He was invited to contribute a paper on the use of KCL potassium chloride in controlling water loss, and sand swelling in the production formation in Milam County -- and how the use of this fluid helps to control the benite in the formation.

Another award that he undoubtedly liked was presented to him two years ago. Back in 1950 he and Mrs. McCullin had established the McCullin Civic Award to be presented each year by the Chamber of Commerce to an outstanding citizen. He received the award in 1970.

McCullin is a long time member of Cameron's First Methodist Church, and earlier was a member of the church in Minerva. He has been as active in the church as he has in his business and civic affairs. "Who's Who In Methodism", published by the Methodist Historical Society, lists

some of the church offices he has held as: member of the Board of Stewards, church superintendent, member of the Conference Planning Commission, Sunday school superintendent, and associate lay leader.

Recently he has been less active and now is substitute teacher of the Couples Class in the Adult Department.

Not long ago, in stating his philosophy, McCullin said, or rather wrote, that if he had been able to make a contribution to life, the credit should go to his family, friends and church. "I have tried through my church to let God be the quarterback, calling the plays," he wrote. "I know full well a man is able to do little alone."

Today, just about a year since he took the job as Executive Director, there can't be much doubt that McCullin's efforts are succeeding in remodeling and restoring Cameron's downtown business section. There has been a tremendous change there. Old buildings, eyesores, have been bulldozed out of existence. Others are in the process of being removed or remodeled, and the shape of the section's new appearance is beginning to emerge. And it looks good.

Not the least of the changes is the change in attitude by many citizens about the Urban Renewal project. There is little, if any, skepticism now that it will succeed.

"You know," McCullin said a few days ago, smiling a little as he sat behind his desk in his office, "some of the people who talked against it, saying nothing could be done, now are beginning to be its biggest boosters. They're really enthusiastic about it."

Then he added: "It's going to be a beautiful city. One of the most beautiful anywhere."

Undoubtedly it will be. More important, it almost certainly will attract the attention of more than one businessman looking for a site to locate a new industry.

And also serve as proof of that old adage that if you want something done -- even if it looks pretty impossible -- find a busy man and turn the job over to him.

Fisheries Face Destruction

By Nicholas Parsons
Reuter Correspondent

ROME

World fisheries face total destruction unless techniques already available for saving them are properly used.

The warning comes in a paper prepared by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for presentation to the U. N. conference on human environment in Stockholm in June.

Written by Dr. Henry Regier of the University of Toronto in Canada, and Don W. Kelley of Sacramento, Calif., who formerly worked at FAO, the paper criticizes human failure to identify emotionally with fishery life.

They say that a tendency to regard the water environment as alien and hostile has hindered public understanding and action on the question.

And while public awareness had increased, so had the rate of all forms of pollution of lakes, streams and oceans, and the exploitation of fisheries.

FAO attached to the paper a series of recommendations for action. These noted that while the harvest of proteins from the sea had increased by about six per cent a year over the last quarter century, yields from fish farming and of certain fish stocks were now decreasing because of over-fishing, pollution and other man-made changes in the water environment.

The recommendations urge the expansion of scientific research and the use of unconventional and so far unexploited fishery resources such as the krill -- a small shrimp-like creature found in Antarctic waters and virtually unused by man.

To allow a greater yield of proteins from fisheries, the paper says, fish stocks should be managed rationally through controls including monitoring and periodic assessments of fish catches, the development of fish farming and limits on waste disposal.

The paper called on the U. N., FAO and other U. N. agencies to support action and recommendations aimed at carrying out such proposals and promoting exchanges of information.

The authors also warned that the effects of some of the longest lasting pollutants, such as zinc, lead and D.D.T. were not always immediately apparent.

But the report said that rivers and lakes, once the source of pollution was removed, did gradually recover their earlier state of health. "Thus not all biological communities in environments once polluted are necessarily condemned to death," the paper said.

"The future of fisheries seems to be one of endless monitoring, experimentation, refinement of theory and careful management practices", the paper said.

"Time is not on our side. In spite of growing environmental and economic awareness, we have grave concern about the future ecological state of the freshwater and inshore marine communities from the viewpoint of fisheries."

"Yet the technology exists that would maintain environments in a reasonably healthy state and permit the partial recovery of others for purposes of increased fish production," it continued.

"The immediate and pressing challenge is for humanity to define its long-term objectives with respect to the aquatic environment," the paper concluded. "Given an adequate commitment by the worlds people, progress should be prompt, and hopefully rapid enough," it added.

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LOWENBRAU (MUNICH) ON TAP



YARD OF THE MONTH award for April was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bush, 101 E. 6th St., by the Fleur de Lis Garden Club. The yard was selected on the basis of landscape design, neatness and

color harmony. Among outstanding features considered were plantings of red roses and azaleas along a grey fence that screens a spacious, tree shaded outdoor living area.

Budget Shoppers List Features Fresh Vegetables For April Buys

COLLEGE STATION
Fresh asparagus is a sign of spring and this vegetable is now more plentiful according to Houston consumer marketing specialist Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt.

"Look for moderate price tags on cabbage, carrots, celery, dry yellow onions and cooking greens," Mrs. Clyatt, who works for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said.

Strawberries add choice and color to fruit baskets. Grapefruit and oranges hold good choices of citrus items. Apples, bananas, tangerines, lemons and pineapples are other fruit choices.

Mrs. Clyatt said that eggs, fryers and turkeys are available at prices that should satisfy the budget-conscious food shopper. These products will remain food bargains. The egg supply continues to be large and egg prices will stay low.

"There will most likely be some retail specials on eggs during the coming week to provide some good bargains in this popular protein food," Mrs. Clyatt said.

Milk and cheese continue

Missions Is WMU Topic

"Getting Involved in Home and Foreign Missions" will be the topic of the Milam County Womens Missionary Union quarterly meeting Thursday, April 13, at 10 a.m. in BUCKHOLTS. Host church for the meeting will be the Buckholts Baptist Church.

Galen Bradford, missionary to Japan, will be guest speaker for the April meeting.

Buckholts School Menu

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Pizza Pie
Mixed vegetables
Celery sticks
Pears, milk

WEDNESDAY

Hamburgers, chips
Lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions
Jello, cookies, milk

THURSDAY

Beans
Greens, onions
French Fries
Cornbread, butter
Peaches, milk

FRIDAY

Spanish rice
Green beans, pickles
Hot rolls, butter
Ice cream, milk

Personal Mention

Charles Maddox of Cameron and Susan Elaine Abel of Rt. 1, Buckholts have been named to the fall semester honor roll of the University of Texas business school.

Rev. Richard Freeman, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Cameron, and his wife, Lois Marie, were among out-of-town guests attending the Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday night. Rev. Freeman is presently pastor of First United Methodist Church in Waco.

Other former Cameronites attending the Chamber banquet included Mr. and Mrs. Emory Camp and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Glaser of Rockdale.

Kathryn Kahler, freshman student at Shopie Newcomb College in New Orleans, spent the Easter vacation with her family, the James Kahlers. Miss Kahler is majoring in Communications and has been named editor of the college newspaper.

Visiting in the Lloyd Cowan home Easter Sunday were Dr. and Mrs. Elgy Hatch

of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Don Page and daughter, Pam, from Wichita, Kansas.

The Louis Holley family of Abilene, formerly of Cam-

eron, were Easter weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Graham.

Other Easter visitors included Dr. and Mrs. W. h. Kolter, Jr., Kenneth and Elaine, of Houston.

You And Your Stars

Astrology is a study of angles of the planets with each angular configuration called an aspect. Squares (90 degree angles) are adverse whereas trines (120 degree angles) are beneficial.

An electrifying first impression between a man and woman is not love at first sight, but merely an adverse aspect involving the planet Mars.

Address astrological queries to this newspaper including also your birth certificate data -- month, day, year, hour, minute, city, state of birth.

Dear Stars: My son fell out of a tree on March 19

and nearly broke his jaw, receiving a lot of cuts. What do the stars say about this? Birth data enclosed.

Curious Father

Dear Curious Father: On March 19 the current movements of Saturn and the Moon were conjunct. Both these planets were square (problems) your son's Moon node and his Mars. A Saturn-Moon affliction causes falls, and a Saturn - Mars affliction causes accidents that cut. Fortunately the current movement of Jupiter was opposite the boy's sun protecting him from further harm.

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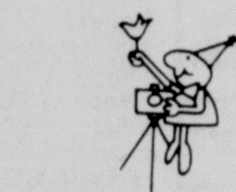
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Have a cold, the flu, indigestion, arthritis, or may-

be you just don't have the pep and energy you used to have. If so, then you are probably familiar with the infinite number of home remedies which are available on the market today.

You may also be aware of the fact that a great number of these cure-alls and pseudo-medicines do not work.

Billions of dollars are

spent each year in the United States on quack medicines and secret potions by today's modern consumer.

The elderly are particularly victimized because with old age come many minor aches and pains and a few major ones. Many older folks hesitate to consult a competent physician and choose to prescribe for themselves, instead, through health consultants. The result is that they are bilked out of their money and disap-

pointed when their problems are not solved by the "wonder" medicines they purchase.

Whether quackery is intended or not is beside the point -- incorrect medical advice and cure-alls that don't cure are deceptive to the public and often dangerous as well.

Assuming that the cure or therapeutic device is harmless, it can still destroy one's faith in legitimate treatment by a doctor.

Frauds in the health field are almost too numerous to mention, but the Food and Drug Administration has compiled a list of items which should be noted. Fertile grounds for health hucksters include vitamins and pep pills, impotency cures, alcoholism treatments, air purifiers, mail-order eye glasses, hair restorers, and tired-blood tonics, to name only a few. Most of these items simply do not provide any relief or satisfaction to the hopeful indi-

vidual seeking a cure.

The best advice to remember is that a physician should be consulted before being tempted to try any of these "sure-cure" remedies.

Three points which should prove helpful in recognizing health frauds and false cures are:

1. Does the medical profession disapprove them?
2. Do they claim to have a secret remedy?

3. Is a fast sure cure guaranteed where medical science fails?

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